compulsory licensing. The focus of the review is on development and promotion of industries rather than on regulation. Presently, hazardous chemicals are in the list of industries requiring compulsory licensing. The Ministries concerned are consulted in the process of review.

(c) The regulatory framework established by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in the form of Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989 (MSIHC Rules) and subsequent amendments made in October, 1994 and January, 2000 adequately takes care of the requirements of safeguards relating to chemicals.

National Environment Protection Agency

*609. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Environment Protection Agency to protect environment as the Pollution Control Board has failed to protect environment effectively; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

BIFR notice to wind-up IDPL

*610. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Newstime dated 15th March, 2001, captioned, "IDPL gets BIFR wind-up notice";

(b) whether all avenues have been explored to assess whether any one or more units of the Company could be rehabilitated; and

(c) the action proposed to provide employment to workers of IDPL?